

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. By this Amendment, the Specification and Claims 1 and 4 are amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein.

The Specification is amended herein to reflect the issuance of the parent application from which the application claims priority.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12, although objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, i.e., Claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,497,515 to Sahashi. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a method of manufacturing a wheel bearing device, the device including an outer member having outer raceways in double rows at its inside periphery; an inner member having inner raceways in double rows facing to the outer raceways, an inside-diameter side member, and an outside-diameter side member fitted onto the inside-diameter side member with an irregular portion interposed in between; rolling members in double rows disposed between the outer raceways and the inner raceways, wherein when the inside-diameter side member and the outside-diameter side member are joined together by swaging through expansion of at least a part of the inside-diameter side member by a swaging jig pushed into an inside of the inside-diameter side member to make the irregular portion bite into an opposing face, the inside-

diameter side member is expanded in diameter while being pressed by the swaging jig toward axially one side with the inside-diameter side member being made to axially butt against the other side of the outside-diameter side member and the outside-diameter side member at the axially one side being supported by a receive member, wherein a compression strain remains at and around portions of the inside-diameter side member butting against portions of the outside-diameter side member.

As noted above, Claim 1 recites the inside-diameter side member is expanded in diameter while being axially pressed by the swaging jig toward one side with the inside-diameter side member being made to axially butt against the other side of the outside-diameter side member and the outside-diameter side member at the axial one side being supported by a receiving member, wherein a compression strain remains at and around portions of the inside-diameter side member butting against portions of the outside-diameter side member. See Figure 5 of the originally filed application.

As shown in Figure 2 or Figure 29, Sahashi discloses the inside-diameter side member (40) is expanded in diameter while being axially pressed by the swaging jig (54) toward one side with the inside-diameter side member (40) being made to axially butt against one side of the outside-diameter side member (10) and the inside-diameter side member (40) at the axial one side being supported by a receiving member (52). As such, the bearing device of Sahashi cannot obtain the effect of a compression strain remaining at and around the butting portion. See page 12, line 22 to page 14, line 1 of the instant application.

To qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. As explained above, Sahashi fails

to disclose or suggest each and every feature recited by Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 1 is not anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of, Sahashi and should be deemed allowable.

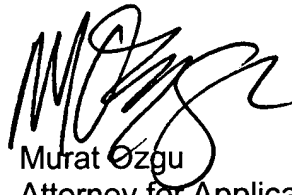
Claims 2-12 depend from Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims be deemed allowable at least for the same reasons Claim 1 is allowable as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, allowance of Claims 1-12, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 100725-00119.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosure: Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

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